

REMARKS

In the non-final office action dated April 11, 2007, claims 1-8 and 20-23 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Densert et al (US 6,159,171) (hereinafter Densert) in view of Richards (US 4,014,320). Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection is traversed by amendment herein, and requests allowance of the claims as amended.

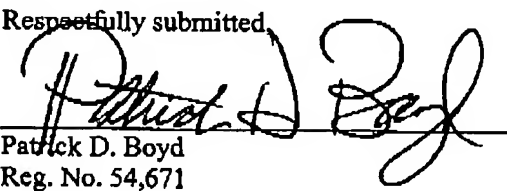
The Office Action admits that Densert fails to disclose "a stabilized head-dependent wearable frame structure", but asserts that Richards so discloses. Without commenting on the assertions in the Office Action, the applicant responds that neither Densert nor Richards, either alone or in any combination thereof, disclose a "frame structure . . . configured to control visual input by at least partially obstructing the subject's normal visual range" as recited in amended independent claims 1, 7, and 20. The amendments find support in applicant's Figures 1, 3 and 11, as well as at least paragraphs 43, 45 and 46 of the detailed description. Therefore, the applicant respectfully submits that the asserted references fail to provide a *prima facie* case under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) with respect to the amended claims, and that the claims are therefore allowable as amended. Likewise, inasmuch as claims 2-6, 8, and 21-23 depend from and include the limitations of amended claims 1, 7, and 20 respectively, the applicant submits that all dependent claims are likewise allowable over the asserted references, and requests allowance without undue delay.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that all claims are allowable as originally or previously presented, or as amended herein. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 984-2824 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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